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## THE COURTS.

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DENTIST,  
MONTEBEY, VA.

Will visit Pocahontas County at least twice a year. The exact date of his visit will appear in this paper.

## BIOGRAPHIC NOTES.

Owing to numerous family affiliations in our county some particulars in regard to the Bright connexion in Greenbrier are interesting to our readers.

David Bright, the ancestor of the Brights, came from Pennsylvania in the previous century, and was one of the pioneers of upper Greenbrier, and located on the place now occupied by Andrew Brinkley and sons. David's wife was a Miss Grant, also of Pennsylvania. Their sons were Michael, Jesse, David, and George. There were two daughters, one of whom was named Mary.

Jesse Bright, Esq., the second son of David the pioneer, married Margaret Hamptenstall, and settled on the old homestead and reared the family that has so many relations in Pocahontas County. His daughter Margaret was married to Joseph Callison, son of the late Anthony Callison, at Locust, lower Pocahontas, and finally went to Illinois. Mary Bright, another of Jesse Bright's daughters, was married to Israel Callison, son of Anthony, lived awhile at Locust, then went to Illinois and is still living (1897).

Rachel Bright, a daughter of Jesse Bright, Esq., became the wife of the late Joseph Levisay, near Frankford, West Virginia, where she still resides and is more than 80 years of age and is remarkably well preserved in mind and person. Her son, G. Washington Levisay, married Miss Maggie Beard, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Josiah Beard, of Locust, and settled near Falling Spring and then located at Frankford, where he farms and merchandises. Josephine Levisay became Mrs Preston Clark, and lives near Hillsboro. Mary Levisay became Mrs F. L. Bell, and lives near Seely's Mill. Samuel Brown Levisay was one of the victims of the fearful sawmill explosion that occurred in 1896 near Frankford. Mrs Levisay's daughters, Letitia, Louella, and Elizabeth Wilson; and son, Jesse Achilles, are with her at the Levisay homestead.

Jesse Bright, Junior, married Miss Margaret Pinnell and resides in Lewisburg.

Margaret Bright, daughter of Jesse Bright, Senior, became the wife of the late John Levisay, who settled near Frankford, where she now lives. Her eldest daughter, Mary Margaret, is the wife of Rev D. S. Sydenstricker, D. D., of Hillsboro, the pastor of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. Sabina Levisay was married to John Rogers and moved to Gallipolis, Ohio. Jesse Levisay married Miss Addie Johnson, of Frankford, and migrated to Illinois. Cornelia Belinda Levisay was married to W. Henry Wallace and lives on Sinkling Creek, West Greenbrier. John Brown Levisay married Miss Minnie Johnson, of Frankford, and resides on a portion of the old homestead. Lillian Levisay was married to Dr James Larue, and now resides at Hillsboro, West Virginia. Virginia and Louisa Levisay are with their mother, Margaret Levisay, on the homestead. James Walton Levisay married Miss Sallie Hanna, daughter of Captain Hanna, and is on the homestead.

Francis Bright, daughter of Jesse Bright, was married to James Ludington, and went to Illinois.

Samuel Bright, another son of Jesse Bright, Senior, married Miss Mary Pollock.

Julia Bright, daughter of Jesse Bright, Senior, was married to Alan S. Levisay, Esq., and lived near Frankford. Mr and Mrs Levisay have for a few years lived near Marlinton with their daughter, Mrs Levi Gay. Their son John Granville Levisay married Miss Emma Robinson, and he lives in Greenbrier near Frankford.

David Bright, son of Jesse Bright, Senior, married Elizabeth Price. Sarah Bright married William Cassidy, and settled in Fayette County, West Virginia.

George Bright, son of Jesse Bright, Senior, married Harriet Bowen and moved to Missouri. His second wife was a Miss Steenberger, of Missouri.

## THE FAYETTE HANGING.

Fayette County is on the eve of a general execution at which time three desperate men will be hung in front of the jail for any to see who are so inclined. Local notices appear in the Fayette Republican stating that the lumber for the scaffold has been secured and hauled to the front of the jail, and that the sheriff will build the scaffold in plain sight of the whole town because no farmer around the village will allow his land to be used for the purpose. The 25th of June will see three men deliberately worked off. The present time is no doubt their greatest punishment as they hear the sound of carpenters putting up the gallows.

Then they lose themselves in sleep and every time they wake and piece together the threads of consciousness they suffer anew in realizing that they are doomed to speedy, certain, and violent death. The dreams of the sleeper may be that his arrest, trial, and conviction have all been a dream, and he can be glad in sleep. Then the awakening and involuntary groan that is worse than any death agony itself.

The press, outside of Fayette, is interesting itself greatly in these three men, and from what we learn we take it that they present the three most common types of gallows birds.

Viars, the Montgomery City murderer, is hardened by his fate, defies his Maker, and will meet death without flinching or softening. Much comment has been made over the apparition of a murdered man which haunts his cell; but there is, no doubt, something that terrifies the prisoner, and Viars is used to its presence. He feels a sense of angelic punishment when it intrudes upon his thoughts.

The Montgomery City murderer, has grown repentant, and has turned in his terror too late to religion. No doubt he has found spiritual advisers who may comfort him with the assurance that Heaven will open its portals to a murderer and that he may become a child of light. He is doing penance now, doubtless, to atone for a world of crime, but he will have to throw himself upon the mercy of the Court.

The third, the negro condemned for the crime of rape, evinces no signs of sensibility other than a dog would under the same circumstances.

This we judge from what we have read as to the state of affairs in Fayette. The inhabitants of that county (peopled with a heterogeneous mass of human beings) do not regard life and living as we do in our county where men are connected by every tie of friendship and relationship. There the smothering of a miner in the coal-dust near a tippie calls for a three-line local in the nearest newspaper and there murders and other deeds of violence are of daily occurrence.

A great crowd will come to the county seat, no doubt, to see these men's last convulsive struggles, and in a day or two other things will arise to dull the memories and efface the impressions of the general execution day.

It is our pleasure to acknowledge the reception of the latest catalog sent out by Hampden Sydney College and Washington and Lee University. This completes the one hundred and twenty-first session for Hampden Sydney. Washington and Lee was chartered in 1782. Nothing we can say will enhance the lustre of the names commemorated by these famous schools, or promote their influence and usefulness as prosperous institutions of learning. May they both become what we would have them be. Parties thinking of entering the college will be furnished with full particulars by addressing Rev Dr McIlwaine, Hampden Sydney, Virginia. The Washington and Lee University will furnish all information desired to those who will address Prof. J. L. Campbell, Lexington, Va.

The Sick Man of the East is dying of laughter, if he is dying at all.—Salt Lake City Herald.

## THE GLOOMY SIDE.

"Do you think this Government is going to recognize Cuba?"

"No," said the man with cynical tendencies. "All we can do now is to recognize what's left of it."—Washington Star.

## SCHOOLBOOK BOARD.

The law passed to establish a school-book board for every county, was acted on last Friday at the special term of Court, appointing S. B. Hanna, Peter Arbogast, G. E. Moore, H. S. Rucker, George P. Moore, M. G. Mathews, Isaac McNeel, and Cragen Grimes members of the school-book board for this county. Such board is to consist of representative taxpaying citizens; four of whom are to be freeholders and not school teachers, and at least three to be school-teachers holding number one certificates. The superintendent of free schools is a member *ex officio*, and acts as secretary. Their term of office shall be for four years and is very lucrative, paying the members two dollars a day. They are allowed to serve for pay two days at the most in each year. Five members constitute a quorum. The secretary keeps a record of the votes of each member voting on any proposition, and such books are open for inspection.

The immediate duties are to adopt a textbook on each subject not already provided for by the contract of 1895, and such textbook shall remain the textbook for the county for five years. The publisher must supply a bond in the penalty of \$10,000, and deliver on board cars to the address of the depository of each district.

The law is a heavy, ponderous affair that will have its drawbacks. Different Counties will have different books, and when a man moves his family across the line he will have to change the school-books. The price of books will necessarily advance, as there will be no sharp competition entered into by the publishers such as when contracting to supply the whole State. On the other hand, it will bring the matter directly in our own hands and prevent expensive changes of books by a bunch of legislators.

## EDUCATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES: Dear Sir—From an historical point of view notice that throughout all generations, from the "era" of ancient history down to the present period of time, the "best educated" people lived the happiest lives, were the best citizens, the freest and most independent people of the globe. When we look on the inventions by which man's labors are so easily performed, and ask what has been the means of bringing all this about, we answer through the faculty of educated men and women. We see that the educated man is, in a general way, the better man in a community—the more reasonable and a better neighbor.

We should urge the young minds to obtain that which can never be taken from them—education. We insist that employing first-class teachers in our public schools is a necessity, and that an increase in salary is a needful step in this direction.

Now, as you know, first grade teachers receive \$25 per month and the second grade \$22—a mere pittance, considering their arduous tasks. All our sister counties pay better. Pocahontas ought to be ashamed to pay her most important workers so small a sum. Our teachers have to spend two or three days in looking up a school, then another day or two in moving to their work on commencing, especially when teaching some of our remote wayside schools. They pay a good big price for board, and by the time school is out, after paying for the necessities of life—clothes to keep them from freezing as they travel up and down these cold Alleghany mountains and along the deep icy hollows to their schools,—they have nothing left but a few rusty coppers that will scarcely rattle in their pockets.

Now we hope the Board of Education will give this subject a thought, and when another school-year is ushered in may the hearts of the worthy teachers be gladdened by an increase of salary of 25 per cent at least. It is a fact the patrons will receive the same benefit through an increase of first-class teachers.

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## MANNERS.

Wouldst 'hou fashion thyself a seemly life? Then fret not over what is past and gone, And, spite of all thou mayst have left behind, Yet act as if thy life were just begun. What each day wills, enough for thee to know. What each day wills the day itself will tell. Do thine own task and be therewith content. Forgiveness is a high quality, an exalted virtue. Speaking comes by nature, silence by understanding.

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If you are tempted to reveal A tale someone to you has told About another, make it pass Before you speak, the Gates of Gold. These narrow gates—first, 'tis true? Then 'tis it needful? In your mind Give truthful answer. And the next Is last and narrowest, 'tis it kind?

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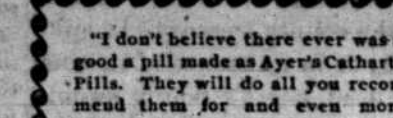
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## A Red Red Rose.

O, my love is like a red, red rose, That's newly sprung in June: O, my love is like the melody That's sweetly play'd in tune. As fair art thou, my bonnie lass, See deep in love am I: And I will love thee still, my dear Till a' the seas gang dry. Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear, And rocks melt wi' the sun: And I will love thee still, my dear, While the sands o' life shall run. And fare thee weel, my only love, And fare thee weel a while! And I will come again my love, Tho' it were ten thousand mile!

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